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before the District Board to form a road from Managiri to Kallal and were favoured with a reply from the President to the effect that there was no such proposal in the District Board ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that in continuation of his letter referred to above, the President, District Board, Ramnad, was pleased to inform the petitioners that the road in question was not being formed either under the authority of the Taluk or District Board, but that one M. R. M. V. C. Karuppan Chettiyar of Kallal was forming the road with the consent of the Estate Collector, Sivaganga ;

(*c*) under what rules and for what public purpose the Revenue Divisional Officer, Devakottai, wrote to the Taluk Board of Sivaganga on the 29th January 1927, requesting to send an application for acquisition of lands required for the Kallal-Managiri road despite the decision of the High Court in A.S. No. 165 of 1923 ; and

(*d*) what the resolution of the Taluk Board of Sivaganga regarding the acquisition of land as desired by the Revenue Divisional Officer was, and how many voted for and against it ?

A.—(*a*) Such a petition was submitted by certain residents of Maringapatti village.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The original acquisition was declared invalid as the High Court held that the cost of acquisition was not met from public funds. It was therefore proposed to repeal the land acquisition proceedings and to meet the cost from public funds.

(*d*) The Taluk Board's resolution was to the following effect :—

"This Board is of opinion that there is no necessity to send an application for the acquisition of any lands as desired by the Revenue Divisional Officer in his letter, dated 29th January 1927, as there is already an old Mangammal Salai which is itself serving the purposes of a public pathway already." Eight members of the Board voted for the resolution and one (the President) voted against it.

Alleged irregularities in the administration of Union of Narasannapeta, Ganjam district

*1362 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have enquired into the allegations of the rate-payers in the Union of Narasannapeta (Ganjam district) that they do not know which are the wards in the Union and who are its members and that there is no electoral roll and no election for the last so many years ;

(*b*) if so, what the result of the enquiry is ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the rate-payers approached the President, District Board, Ganjam, for this information and could not get it ; and

(*d*) if the allegations are true, what action they propose to take thereon ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The Government have made no enquiry.

(*c*) The Government have no information.